

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 249A.4 and 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 446, section 12, the Department of Human Services proposes to amend Chapter 79, “Other Policies Relating to Providers of Medical and Remedial Care,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments change the reimbursement method for case management services under the Medicaid state plan, habilitation, home- and community-based services for individuals with a brain injury and for the elderly.

Case management is currently cost-based reimbursed. Since FY 2012 and annualized for FY 2013, the reimbursement has increased by 15.8 percent. Due to the requirement in legislation for cost containment strategies, the Department is limiting the administrative costs to 23 percent of direct service costs for FY 2014. During FY 2014, the Department will work with stakeholders to determine the rate methodology for FY 2015.

These amendments were also Adopted and Filed Emergency and are published herein as **ARC 0840C**. The purpose of this Notice is to solicit comment on that submission, the subject matter of which is incorporated by reference.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendments on or before August 13, 2013. Comments should be directed to Harry Rossander, Bureau of Policy Coordination, Department of Human Services, Hoover State Office Building, Fifth Floor, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0114. Comments may be sent by fax to (515)281-4980 or by e-mail to policyanalysis@dhs.state.ia.us.

These amendments do not provide for waiver in specified situations because requests for waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department’s general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.